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## Top 500 Sales and Use Tax Delinquencies in California Outstanding Tax Delinquency Amount: \$593.7 Million

**Sacramento** – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) today updated the online list of the Top 500 sales and use tax delinquencies which total \$593.7 million in taxes for the fourth quarter of 2012. Also, a new, interactive map now displays location, account name, and amount owed of taxpayers who are delinquent.

Recently enacted legislation (AB 1424, Ch. 455, Stat. 2011, Perea) expanded the former Top 250 list to 500, and also requires the BOE to provide confidential information to participating state agencies that may affect taxpayers' occupational, professional, and driver's licenses. It also provided that the delinquent taxpayers on the list can be precluded from contracting with the state.

"As the author of the original law and sponsor of AB 1424 (Perea), I believe it is important to inform the state's taxpayers of the individuals and businesses that are depriving our communities of much needed revenue," said Chairman Horton. "These businesses have failed to play by the rules and pay their fair share, burdening California taxpayers with their unpaid debt, and leaving us no alternative but to increase our collection efforts."

Since the inception of this program, the BOE has received a total of \$7.4 million from 50 qualifying taxpayers who came forward to take care of their debts. Thirty-six are making installment payments and 14 paid their debt in full.

California law requires the BOE to post this information every quarter, removing amounts that are being addressed through payment arrangement, bankruptcy, litigation, or appeal. Taxpayers are notified 30 days before their information is posted, giving them time to pay.

Of the total amount owed on the latest list, \$123 million are jointly owed liabilities. This means individuals associated with a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company might be personally responsible for delinquent taxes.

The following 24 taxpayers were added to this quarter's list and owe a combined \$21.65 million.

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NAME	DBA	City	State	Balance Due
LYNN ELLEN WELLS		LAS VEGAS	NV	\$2,583,457.15
FREDERICK ALLEN MCALLISTER	BLACK HAWK TOBACCO SHOP	CATHEDRAL CITY	CA	\$1,679,283.35
FRANK KENNETH WORTH	WHITE SANDS	NIPOMO	CA	\$1,392,414.19
MATTHEW J. MAZZEI		CLAYTON	CA	\$1,347,654.37
MICHAEL COPE		CHATSWORTH	CA	\$1,283,814.72
MALIBU MASONRY SUPPLY INC.		MALIBU	CA	\$1,128,130.22
TRES HERMANOS, INC.	TRES HERMANOS	HUNTINGTON PARK	CA	\$1,053,435.26
ITCHEY FOOT SANDWICH SHOPS INC.		LOS ANGELES	CA	\$1,011,436.23
AMIR HOSSEIN SHAGHAFI		MILPITAS	CA	\$866,074.94
MICHAELE PEPPEL		CINCINNATI	ОН	\$852,306.52
HAZAEL JOSUE SOSA	MICHOACAN MOTORS	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	CA	\$754,853.18
JEFFREY GOSSETT		WEST HOLLYWOOD	CA	\$747,447.76
FFPE,LLC	PAT & OSCAR'S	SAN DIEGO	CA	\$682,041.02
DUNG NGOC DO	CARE	SANTA CLARA	CA	\$649,003.50
EAGLE AUTO SALE, INC.		SPRING VALLEY	CA	\$647,759.40
GASPROM, INC.	GASPROM	CHATSWORTH	CA	\$640,248.16
ERICK FELIPE RUIZ	CANCUN ENTERPRISE	FULLERTON	CA	\$598,570.97
SAVINO NAVARRO LARA	LARA'S AUTO SALES	FIREBAUGH	CA	\$596,099.95
BRIGHT FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC		EL DORADO HILLS	CA	\$573,999.47
MAMU INC.		LOS ANGELES	CA	\$573,330.72
KARS & WHEELS PLUS, INC.		LONG BEACH	CA	\$502,965.68
SEVAN ASLANYAN		MALIBU	CA	\$500,040.86
GREINER POWAY, INC.	GREINER BUICK PONTIAC GMC POWAY	POWAY	CA	\$499,377.21
PETER PHI MINH TRAN	PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL	PASADENA	CA	\$489,836.38

BOE's list of the state's Top 500 sales and use tax delinquencies is updated quarterly at <a href="http://l.usa.gov/BOETop500">http://l.usa.gov/BOETop500</a>. Taxpayers on the Top 500 list may contact the BOE at 1-916-445-5167 to resolve their accounts and make payment agreements. The Franchise Tax Board's Top 500 list is published biannually on FTB's website at ftb.ca.gov.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

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